

Common Satanic Activities

The following is a list of some common activities which may be observed in youth practicing Satanism

- ◆ Use of ouija boards and tarot cards to obtain answers to questions and to predict future events.
- ◆ Meeting of covens on a regular basis to worship Satan.
- ◆ Conducting séances to form covenants with Satan, to cast spells, to request Satan's presence, and to place hexes on enemies.
- ◆ Raising of objects into the air, presumably through supernatural powers.
- ◆ Conducting "black weddings" symbolically to wed female followers to Satan.
- ◆ Sacrificing animals and drinking animal blood.
- ◆ Conducting ceremonies involving sexual activity and the use of drugs and alcohol.
- ◆ Conducting ceremonies in cemeteries and focusing upon death.
- ◆ Reading books on Satanism such as *Satan's Bible* and *Satanic Rituals* (Lavey, 1969, 1972) to provide followers with information about philosophy, activities, and symbolism.
- ◆ Listening to heavy metal rock music because of its strong emphasis on death, destruction, sex, and Satanism.
- ◆ Selling one's soul to Satan in return for power, money, fame, and success.

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